

The 'Birch Hills Community Heartbeat' newsletter is printed bi-monthly and available at the following locations on the 1st and 15th of the month: Co-op Grocery, Brahma Insurance, Quayle Pharmacy, Grumpy's Confectionary and various other businesses downtown. Pick up your free copy and share with a friend. Send your email address and request for mailing list to [birchhillsrec@sasktel.net](mailto:birchhillsrec@sasktel.net)

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Hello Everyone,

This little town has been hopping with activity this month already. Seems Mother Nature won't stop this crew of crazy Canucks from having fun. I hope you were able to enjoy some part of the winter festival.

On behalf, of the planning committee, I thank those that participated and organized. It wouldn't of happened without you. We would also like to hear from all in the community. Please won't you take part in our survey (in your mailboxes or online...see box below) Give us some feedback, good and/or bad. We are also looking for photos. You can email me at [birchhillsrec@sasktel.net](mailto:birchhillsrec@sasktel.net). Check out the photos already posted on our facebook page. Take care,

Laurie Berube, Rec Director

## The Birch Hills COMMUNITY BOOSTERS

will meet on  
Tuesday February 18th, 2014  
@ 7:30pm  
in the Museum Boardroom.  
(meeting ends 9pm sharp...we  
promise)

We are planning for Communities in Bloom and we need help. If you are interested please consider joining us in the next meeting

**FEBRUARY** issues of the Birch Hills Community activity newsletter was paid for you by: **The Blanchard Family, Marcel & Monique Cousins Farm, and The Birch Hills Pentacostal Church**

If you would like to be a sponsor of the 'Heartbeat' newsletter, contact Laurie at 306-749-7451/ [birchhillsrec@sasktel.net](mailto:birchhillsrec@sasktel.net). The cost is \$100 ea sponsor (3/month) for printing, advertising and ensuring that the newsletter stays free for you & the community. Thank you for supporting your local paper.

### HOW DID WE DO??

In your mailbox you may have received a survey (on a green paper). We need your help by telling us what you liked about the Winter Festival, what you didn't like, or why you couldn't attend events, etc, etc. This will help guide us for future events. We want to hear from those that attended and those who didn't attend winter festival events.



You can bring your survey to the Snow Stomp Family Dance on the 15th to enter for a draw prize or mail or drop off your survey. Or you can click on the link below to fill out our questionnaire on 'Survey Monkey' It's easy, just click below. Your opinion counts, we need to hear from you. Thanks  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MCGDKYK>

### Winter Festival Progressive 50/50

Tickets @ Quayle Pharmacy, Brahma Insurance, or from Bud.

**Money Pot over \$800 so far!** Draw is Feb 15th at the Snow Stomp Family Dance. Tix for dance at Grumpy's or at the door

### UPCOMING CURLING BONSPIELS

**Seniors Bonspiel** Moved to March 3-7  
Includes luncheon

**Ladies Bonspiel** March 7-9  
Includes Saturday banquet

**Open Bonspiel** March 15/16  
Open to any adult curlers. includes banquet



**2 Person Bonspiel** March 29/30  
Saturday Night Dance & Season Windup  
w/ The Hot Tamales. Tickets available soon

Register at the Curling Rink 749-2951

Curling sheets are available to rent for parties & gatherings. Cost is \$75-350.  
Contact Robin for more information

## BIRCH HILLS SKATING ARENA NEWS



Book a Staff, Family or Birthday Party at the Skating Rink Contact 749-7451 to book today

### BIRCH HILLS SENIOR BLACKHAWKS

#### Playoff GAMES



**Sat, Feb 15 8:00pm** vs Debden away game  
(Note: this is best out of 3... they won 7-5 on Feb 7.  
If they loose this game, they'll play...

**Sun, Feb 16 3:00pm** vs Debden in Birch Hills  
Good Luck Boys!

### JOB OPPORTUNITIES

**Summer Playground Program Leaders:** Candidates will be returning to highschool or post secondary school. Must be 15yrs of age. Preferably interested in careers involving children development. Number of position available pending grant approvals.

**Golf Course Positions:** Interested in summer employment on the greens or in the club house? ...

Send resumes to the Rec Office @ Box 280, Birch Hills or via email at [birchhillsrec@sasktel.net](mailto:birchhillsrec@sasktel.net)

The February issues of the Heartbeat are partially sponsored by the Blanchard Family in Memory of the late and beloved *Verna Blanchard*.



On behalf of the Blanchard Family, we would like to thank everyone who helped in anyway through the years of Verna's life and after her passing. Her presence is terribly missed.

Lidia Camellato & Alissa Valdnassi

Check out the Town's new website @ [www.birchhills.ca](http://www.birchhills.ca) Any local business is welcome to send pictures, their website address, telephone number and other contact information to [birchhillsrec@sasktel.net](mailto:birchhillsrec@sasktel.net)

### MINOR HOCKEY in BIRCH HILLS

Watch Rink Boards and **Birch Hills Community & Recreation** Facebook Page for Minor Hockey Playoff Games & schedules.



### Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Training

Saturday, February 22 8:00 - 1:30pm  
By St Johns Ambulance in Birch Hills

NOTE: If 10 people in the community are not trained, we will have to return the AED machine.

This course is FREE and paid for by the Federal Gov't, BUT only 10 spots available. We are looking to fill with Skating & Hockey Coaches, Parents, members of Rec Hockey Teams or anyone else who has interest in the well being of the skating rink patrons & players. Contact John asap if you are interested 306-749-3384

### PUBLIC NOTICE:

re: Summer Playground Program

The Recreation Department, Playground Program has been ever so fortunate to have received funding through the Prince Albert Parkland Health Department for the past years. Unfortunately, due to funding cuts a large portion of our sponsorship will affect our playground programming for summer 2014. (by almost \$9000) This program has been very successful the past 5 year and continues to grow. Last summer, we averaged, 40-50 kids in Birch Hills and 10-15 kids in the Village of Weldon. It would be a shame to let this program go. A portion of this program included nutritional snacks, that are not usually covered by most grant funding. This year, I had hoped to expand on teaching good nutrition and extend Birch Hills hours of programming. Regrettably, this may not happen and the programs in Weldon are in jeopardy.

I will be seeking more grant funding but I want to inform parents and the rest of the community and businesses to help with ideas, and perhaps with programming itself. If you are interested in supporting and helping to keep our Summer Playground Program in town, please contact me.

Laurie Berube

Deadlines for submissions for newsletter are the 10th and 25th of each month.  
end entries to [birchhillsrec@sasktel.net](mailto:birchhillsrec@sasktel.net) or call 306-749-7451

## Contests, Games and Fun in the 3rd Annual Brrr Chills Winter Festival

### Sno-Pitch Tournament

Was February 9th, 2014 Yes, it was a cold one but the 25+ that came in the -25, enjoyed the sun, fire, new friends and a great game of ball in the snow.

Thanks to **Event Sponsor the Birch Hills Lion's Club** for the Weiner roast, pop and chips.



**Human Dog Sled Races** happened on Fri Feb 7th to kick off the festival. 1st Place winners the *Ruff Riders*. Finishing last but returning with all their team, therefore jumping to 2nd Place the *River Rats*. 3rd Place losing only 1 member was *Brahma Bulldogs* and returning in 4th Place with smiles on their faces was team *Cool Runnings*, who I'm sure will be training for a rematch next year! Thank you to *Brahma Insurance* for their cash sponsorship of this event.

### Snow Sculpt Contest:

Winners announced at the Snow Stomp Family Dance

**Event Sponsored by Mayor, Shirley Ulvild**

Cash Prizes 1st \$100, 2nd \$60, 3rd \$40



### SNOW STOMP FAMILY DANCE

Festival Wind up, Fun for the whole family

Saturday, February 15th

@ the Civic Center

7:00 - 12:00am

Tickets available at Grumpy's & CIBC.

\$10 each Kids under 12yrs supervised by an adult are free. Live entertainment, Dancing, Contests, Draws, Midnight Lunch. Legion cash bar

### Winter Festival Participation Draw

The more events you attend, the more chances to win. Watch for Historical Society helpers handing out ballots at events. Thanks Ladies!!

### Febru-hairy Contest returns....

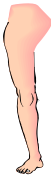
Who will be awarded title of having the

- Hairiest Legs
- The Sexiest Legs
- The Longest Legs
- or the Best Dancing Legs in town

Contest at the Snow Stomp Family Dance.

Prizes to be won. **Sponsored by:**

**Quayle Pharmacy, Clay Oven & Salon Krush**



### Public Skate with Brrrt

1:00-2:00pm

Sat, Feb 15

2:00-4:00pm

Public Shinny



**Event sponsored by  
Cargill (Birch Hills)**

## Saturday February 15th - FINAL DAY of Festival!!!

**Pancake, Fruit Breakfast** hosted by the Library Board at the Civic Centre 8-10 am \$5 kids & \$7

**Public Skate with Brrrt** @ Arena 1-2pm Take pictures with festival mascot. Shinny to follow 2-4pm

**Cross Country Skiing** tours through the golf course trail.

Extra skis avail. for those that want to try 1-3pm



**Snow Stomp Family Dance Festival Wind Up** Bring the whole family for some Ole' Fashion good time dancing. 50/50, Door Prizes, Brrrt Color Contest, Febru-Hairy and Snow Sculpting Contest winners chosen throughout the evening. Tickets \$10, \$15 at the door kids 12 yrs & under, free when accompanied by an adult. Available at CIBC & Grumpy's



FOR MORE INFO CALL Laurie 749-7451 or check out event and pictures on  
**Birch Hills Community & Recreation Facebook page**

**TELEMIRACLE 38 LUNCHEON**  
TUESDAY, FEB.25TH 11:00 - 1:00

@ BIRCH HILLS CIVIC CENTER  
Come out and support a great cause!

I am also looking for help with the luncheon. I have a list of people who have been great supporters in the past, but I am sure there are many more who would also be willing to help.

**TELEMIRACLE LUNCHEON UPDATE**

The past 3 years I have been involved with the Birch Hills Telemiracle Luncheon. In 2012 we raised over \$3800.00 and in 2013 we raised over \$3400.00.

This year's luncheon is on Tuesday, Feb.25th at the Civic Center. If you would like to help with food preparation or serving, your assistance would be greatly appreciated. Call Maxine Cromartie at 306-749-2564. Many hands make light work!



**And the 2014 Brrr Chills Winter Festival**

King and Queen are **Tharold Wick** and **Ada Hawrish**.  
The Prince and Princess is **Rudy Mazurkewich** and **Pat Getz**.

Our Birchview Home Royalty was crowned on February 10th.  
Thank you to the staff of Birchview Home for making sure our seniors could participate. Job well done!!

**Birch Hills Cowboy Church**  
@ Community Centre



1st Sunday of each month

Next **Mar 1st, 7:00pm**

Featuring Country Gospel  
Music with down home bible message.

All Welcome.

Refreshments to follow.

Pastor Rick Martin 981-2235



**Birch Hills Dance Center**

Is offering two new classes to chase away  
your winter blues

1. Creative Movement for 3 & 4 yr old  
boys & girls.

2. Adult Tap Classes Wednesdays 7:45  
-8:30pm drop in \$10.

No experience necessary just a love to  
dance & move.

To register or for more info email  
bhdcc@sasktel.net or call Mary 749-3446

Birch Hills ranks 6th as hosting the most cultural activities on the Sask Culture Days held September 2013  
excerpt from Sask Culture News....

**'SASKATCHEWAN COMMUNITIES IN TOP 10 NATIONALLY**

*We were delighted to see Saskatchewan communities listed on the national ranking for Culture Days activities!  
Regina and Saskatoon are both in the Top Ten for the number of activities in Urban communities, and Kamsack,  
Birch Hills and Rosthern are all in the Top Ten for activities in Rural communities!*

*Congratulations to all of these communities for their strong showing and for being such  
enthusiastic participants in  
Culture Days!'*



Culture Days in Saskatchewan is a program of SaskCulture Inc.,  
a community based, non-profit cultural organization.

**Yay US!!**



**BOUQUETS of THANKS**



I would like to give a big heartfelt **"Thank You"**  
to all those who ventured out to Hagen on  
December 27th to help celebrate my  
**90th birthday**, as well as all who couldn't make it  
out but sent me blessings, best wishes and cards. There  
were family and friends from near and far, and it is  
something I will remember forever. God Bless you all!  
**Gertie Pratt**

**OLD TIME DANCE**

Fiddlers **'IN WITH THE OLD'**

in Birch Hills March 8th, 2014  
Starts 8 :00pm @ Seniors Rec Hall ,  
call 306 749 3391 for advanced tickets  
\$15 , \$ 20 at the door, \$10 for students  
and 12 and under \$5.  
Bring a a toonie to to donate to the Senior Hall.





## EVERY WEEK IN THE HILLS



### MONDAY

Line Dancing 930-1100am @ the Senior Hall  
Bowling at the Senior Hall 2:00 pm Vel 749-3364  
T.O.P.S. (take pounds off sensibly) 5-6pm at the Health Centre  
Thimbles & Threads Sewing Club 6:30pm @ Birchview Melissa 749-3482  
Fire Department Meetings 7pm @ fire hall



### TUESDAY

Knitting Grannies 2nd & 4th Tues of ea month @ Sr Hall  
Karate 7:30pm St Louis Karate Club 422-8665  
Library Open 12-4pm and 5-8pm  
Community Booster Mtg 3rd Tues of the month Civic Centre 7:30-9pm  
St Louis Karate 7-8pm Call 422-8665 or 749-7500  
Optimist Club 1st Tues of the month  
AWANA Kids 6:45pm @LPBC For Kids 5-12yrs / kind-grade 6

### WEDNESDAY



Line Dancing all welcome 9:30-11am at the Sr Hall  
Thrift Shop Open at the Museum 9-4:00pm Great Deals!  
Coffee & Sweets at the Museum 3:00 pm  
Sparks/Brownies/Guides/Pathfinders Contact Audrey 749-2217 to join  
Birchview Ladies Aux 9:30 every 2nd Wed ea month  
Randy Hoback Office 1st Wed of month @ Town Hall 1-3pm

### THURSDAY



Cribbage at the Senior Hall 2:00 pm Vel 749-3364  
Library Open 12 - 4:30pm  
St Louis Karate 7-8pm Call 422-8665 or 749-7500  
Legion Mtg 2nd Thurs ea month 7pm @ legion hall. New members welcome

### FRIDAY

Lutheran Church Coffee Break 9:30-11am Bellamy & 4th St  
Birch Hills Library Open 12-4:30pm **Story time** 1:00pm  
Flute & Fiddle Steak Night, Open Mic & Karaoke Starts 5pm All Welcome

### SUNDAY

Ladies Hockey 4:00-5:00pm Laurie 749-7451/Natalie 960-3408  
**If you have something to add to this list, contact Laurie at 749-7451**

## SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES IN BIRCH HILLS



Birch Hills Community Church @ Civic Centre 11:00am  
at 428 Bellamy Ave 9:30am:  
Lutheran Church Service (1st, 3rd & 5th Sun of the month)  
United Church Service (2nd & 4th Sundays of the month)  
Glad Tidings Tabernacle (Pentecostal) @ 101 4th St 11am  
Lake Park Baptist Church @ Hwy 3 11:00am  
Saron Lutheran Church near Hagen 9:30am  
St Mary's Anglican Church @ 255 McCallum Ave 9:00am  
St Anne's Roman Catholic Church @ 255 McCallum Ave 11:30am

## BIRCH HILLS LIBRARY NEWS

### Library Hours:

Tuesdays: 12-4 & 5-8 pm,  
Thursdays & Fridays:  
12 to 4:30 pm



**StoryTime** Every Friday  
1:00-1:45pm For kids 3yrs+

## COMMUNITY COMMITTEE CONTACTS

### Senior Hall

Vel Bompais 749-3364 Hall Rentals

### Birch Hills Royal Cdn Legion

Lyle Mohn 749-7927 Rentals  
Marlene Lypchuk 749-2571 Member Info



### Birch Hills Lions Club

Bruce Tilford 749-7743  
Todd Devenis 749-3425

### Birch Hills Historical Society

Shirley Ulvild 749-2500

### Community Boosters

Stewart & Louise Adams 749-3521

### Dreamland Optimist Club

Stuart Matice 306-314-2378

### Community Garden

Ann Woods 306-749-3237

### Sparks/Brownies/Guides/Pathfinders

Audrey Matheson 749-2217

### Fire Department

Tracy Lubyk

### Sno-Posse Snowmobile Club

Jodi or Sheldon Gordon

### Birchview Ladies Auxillary &

### Meals on Wheels

749-2288

'Like' our facebook page  Like  
to get activity updates.

Feel free to add your own event or  
activity info

'Birch Hills Community & Recreation'

### Other Local pages:

Birch Hills Bargain Basement, Birch  
Hills Mamas, Birch Hills Dance Centre,  
Birch Hills Blackhawks, General  
Quarters Paintball, Flute and Fiddle,  
Birch Hills Community Garden, Birch  
Hills Sno-Posse, Clay Oven Café, Birch  
Hills Co-op, Partie Perks Rental  
Studio, Community Boosters

**NEW** Dreamland Optimist Club of BH

'Like' these pages to become part of  
these groups activities events

## Birch Hills & District Recreation

Laurie Berube, Recreation Director  
Box 280 Birch Hills, SK S0J 0G0  
Fax: 306-749-2545  
E-mail: birchhillsrec@sasktel.net  
Text or call cell: 306-749-7451  
Facebook Page: 'Birch Hills Community & Recreation'

CROSS  
COUNTRY SKI TRAILS  
are open at the Golf  
Course.



Skating Carnival presenting  
**'DREAM DESTINATIONS'**  
Sunday, March 16th



Steak Supper & Silent  
Auction to follow.

\$25/person @ Civic Center  
Tickets on sale now at Brahma  
Insurance or Affinity Credit Union

St. Patrick's Day Irish  
Stew supper Monday,  
March 17th at  
St. Mary's church



Please Share Paper  
with a Friend or  
Send Email to  
receive the news  
letter online



Funding Assists Recreational Activities in Birch Hills

## FLUTE and FIDDLE UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, March 8, 2014  
Calvin Vollrath - Canada's Fiddling Sensation  
Tickets \$20

Purchase tickets at the Clay Oven or online at  
[www.fluteandfiddle.ca](http://www.fluteandfiddle.ca)



## SOUP FOR SENIORS

Come down to the Sr Hall on Feb 22, Mar 15, Apr 12, May 10  
11:00 - 1:00pm

Lunch will be Served, the Friendship is up to you!



## CURL-A-DROME NEWS



Monday: Adult Curling 7:00pm Drop In's Welcome  
Tuesday: Senior League 1:30pm coffee & dessert  
Wednesday: 2 Person League sponsored by Brahma Insurance  
Thursday: Super League 4/team 7:00pm  
Friday: Senior League 4/team 1:30pm coffee & dessert  
**Drop In's Welcome** just \$10, for those that can't commit to weekly play or just want to try curling

**GET YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS...Draw date is Mar 29 @ windup Dance**

## Birch Hills Upcoming Events

### February

- 15 - Sr Hockey game in Debden
- 16 - Sr Hockey game in BH (tentative)
- 18 - Community Booster Mtg
- 21/22 - Dominion Curling Playoffs
- 22 - Soup for Seniors
- AED Training
- 25 - Telemiracle 38 Luncheon

### March

- 1 - Cowboy Church
- 3-7 - Senior Bonspiel Week
- 7-9 - Ladies Curling Bonspiel
- 8 - Calvin Vollrath F&F
- In with the Old Fiddle @ Sr Hall
- 15/16 - Open Curling Bonspiel
- 15 - Soup for Seniors
- 16 - Skating Carnival & Supper
- 17 - St Patty's Irish Potluck Stew
- 22 - TLC Daycare/Birchview Art Gala
- 29/30 - 2 Person Curling Bonspiel & Dance

### April

- 12 - Soup for Seniors
- TBA - Library Gala

### May

- 10 - Soup for Seniors

